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SUBJECT: NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL ELECTION

1. NS PREMIER GERALD REGAN STILL WANTS AN AUTUMN ELECTION. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW, HE SAID HE WAS SURPRISED AND PERPLEXED BY THE FEDERAL GOVT'S DECISION NOT TO HAVE EITHER A SPRING ELECTION OR A JULY ELECTION. HE IS A BIT CONCERNED LEST AN AUTUMN FEDERAL ELECTION MIGHT CONFLICT WITH A PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

2.PREMIER'S REMARKS ON TIMING ELECTION WERE:

IF THEY HAVE A SEPTEMBER ELECTION I COULD CERTAINLY HAVE A NOVEMBER ONE WITH EASE. IF THEY HAVE A NOVEMBER ONE I PROBABLIY COULD HAVE A SEPTEMBER ELECTION..

I THINK IT S IMPORTANT THAT
THE TWO ELECTIONS NOT HAPPEN AT THE
SAME TIME BECAUSE ENOUGH PEOPLE BECOME
CONFUSED BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL
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ISSUES. . . IF YOU HAD TWO ELECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME I THINK IT WOULD BE UTTER CHAOS.

...IF HE (TRUDEAU) DOESN T HAVE A FEDERAL
ELECTION UNTIL NEXT SPRING THEN I M
RELIEVED. THAT SOLVES MY PROBLEM TOTALLY

BECAUSE I THEN HAVE THE FALL CLEAR FOR
A PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

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